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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

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SUBJ: SYRIA REPORTEDLY RAISES RESUMPTION OF OIL BOYCOTT

1. AP CORRESPONDENT LOUIS FARES TOLD AMBASSADOR AUG 13 THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE KHADDAM VISIT KUWAIT AUGUST 9 WAS TO REVIVE DISCUSSION RE USE OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT SHOULD PACE OF ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY SPEEDED UP.

2. FARES STATES THAT SYRIANS ALSO DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD DURING LATTER'S TWO DAY VISIT TO DAMASCUS AUGUST 11-12. ACCORDING FARES "HIGHLY PLACED" SOURCES, WHOM HE UNWILLING IDENTIFY, FAHD REPLIED SUBJECT OF OIL BOYCOTT MIGHT BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT ARAB SUMMIT.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT REGARD FARES AS FULLY RELIABLE SOURCE. SYRIAN LEADERSHIP HAS NOT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY THIS CAMPAIGN TO US NOR HAS SYRIAN MEDIA ALLUDED TO ITS REVIVAL IN RECENT PAST. CONSIDER EMBASSIES JIDDA AND KUWAIT ARE PROBABLY BETTER PLACED THAN WE TO DETERMINE WHETHER SARG DID IN FACT RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS.
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